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10/15/02AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2002, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested. Replacement claims are presented below, and marked up claims are presented on separate sheets at the end of the Amendment. A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed with this Amendment.

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In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims for those currently pending:

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18. (Amended) A collection of nanoparticles, the nanoparticles comprising rutile titanium dioxide, wherein effectively no particles have a diameter greater than about four times the average diameter.

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20. (Amended) The collection of nanoparticles of claim 18 wherein effectively no particles have a diameter greater than about three times the average diameter.